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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**  
**of the**  
**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 25, 1987

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The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Webster:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U. S. House of Representatives, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce has been conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the transfer of carbon-carbon production equipment and technology to the Soviet Union. On Wednesday, December 2, 1987, the Subcommittee will conduct a public hearing to examine these issues. This hearing is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The Subcommittee understands that the CIA became aware of the transfer of production equipment and technology critical for carbon-carbon production as early as 1984, approximately a year before the final shipment was stopped. In interviews with various CIA personnel, we understand that  Chief of the Technology Transfer Assessment Center, has information vital to the Subcommittee's understanding of the series of events which led to the shipment of this critical technology. The Subcommittee requests that  testify before the Subcommittee to recount the series of events from the discovery of the shipment to the related embargo of the final shipment. An oral presentation is not necessary; however, the entirety of his remarks will be included in the record of the hearing. A copy of the Subcommittee Rules applicable to the Subcommittee hearing is enclosed for reference.

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In regard to this, the Subcommittee is concerned about the difficulty in discussing this issue due to the level of classification. The Subcommittee staff requested, as early as November 18, 1987, that it receive the necessary clearances to discuss this sensitive information. In one instance, one of the Subcommittee staff carries a "Q" clearance, one of the highest

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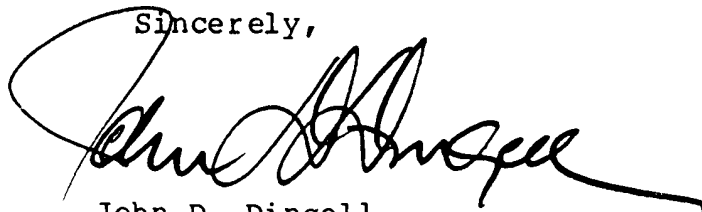
classifications within the DOE. We understand this clearance carries the same in-depth background checks, which is comparable to the CIA's compartmented clearance. CIA Security has informed the Subcommittee staff that his clearance cannot be transferred to the CIA without a substantial delay. The Subcommittee requests that clearances for the staff be expedited so that the Subcommittee and the CIA staff can share more meaningful information in the future.

Finally, after the Subcommittee staff interview on November 20, 1987, with [ ] and his colleagues, the Security Officer confiscated their notes. We now understand that the staff cannot receive their own notes because CIA Security is concerned about the adequacy of the Subcommittee office's storage space for classified material. I can assure you that the Subcommittee office's secured storage space is adequate to maintain these notes. I request that these materials be delivered expeditiously to the Subcommittee office no later than the close of business on Monday, November 30, 1987.

Should you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Messrs. Michael Barrett, Peter Stockton, Bruce Chafin, or Ms. Claudia Beville of the Subcommittee staff at 225-4441. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Dingell", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on  
Oversight and Investigations

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